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CHARLES BUCHHEIT
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, former Doscher Country School, Woodstock, VT (Site #96-1984)

Dear Mr. Buchheit:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the Dufresne-Henry, Inc., July 26, 1996 report titled, "Initial Site Investigation" for the above referenced site. This investigation was conducted in response to the petroleum contamination encountered during the removal of two #2 fuel oil underground storage tanks (USTs) on May 1, 1996. During the tank excavations, all excavated soil was backfilled since the full extent of the contamination was unknown.

In order to determine the degree and extent of contamination, seven soil borings were advanced with split spoon soil samples screened for volatile organic compounds, and four groundwater monitoring wells were completed (MW-1 through MW-4) and sampled. With the exception of one soil sample collected from the vicinity of the water table in MW-1, no detectable concentrations of volatile organic compounds were encountered during the advancement of the soil borings. Laboratory analysis of groundwater samples collected from the four wells indicated no evidence of petroleum contamination.

No evidence of petroleum vapors have been noted in any of the on-site buildings. The nearest water supply wells are located approximately 500 feet in the upgradient direction and 1,200 feet in the downgradient direction. No evidence of contamination was observed in the on-site pond or a nearby stream.

Based on the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the two #2 fuel oil USTs have been removed from the ground, and are no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site;
- groundwater collected from the monitoring wells installed at this site contained no evidence of petroleum contamination; and
- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release Charles Buchheit of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination discovered to have originated from the USTs at the former Doscher Country School site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed in response to the contamination discovered at this site. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Matt Moran at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,

George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: Woodstock Selectboard
Woodstock Health Officer
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